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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CREATING MAIL RULES FROM EXISTING MAIL

A method in a data processing system for creating

5   rules to process electronic messages. User input is

detected moving an electronic message into a folder. In

response to this user input, the characteristics of the

electronic message are compared with other electronic

messages in the folder to form a comparison. A rule for

10   processing the electronic message is generated based on

the comparison.